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MEMORANDUM FOR: Task Force Leaders
National Urban Search & Rescue Response System
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Readiness, Response & Recovery Directorate
SUBJECT: Advisory - New York and Washington Terrorist Attack

Situation: At 0848 EDT 11 September 2001, American Airlines flight 11, a Boeing 767 en route from Boston's Logan Airport, slammed into the north tower, 1 World Trade Center. Approximately 18 minutes later, at 0905 EDT, United Airlines flight 175 hit the south tower, 2 World Trade Center. At 0943 EDT a Boeing 757, en route from Dulles Airport crashed into the Pentagon. One of the Pentagon's five sides subsequently collapsed. The south tower of the World Trade Center collapsed at 0959 EDT and the north tower collapsed at 1024 EDT. The wreckage of the plane that hit the Pentagon ignited a fire that burned for more than 24 hours. Multiple buildings in the World Trade Center complex and vicinity either have collapsed or are in danger of collapsing.

In New York City, US&R operations continue at the World Trade Center. Heavy rain and high winds, combined with loose glass and granite brought US&R operations to stop for a short time during the most recent operational period.

In Northern Virginia, US&R operations continue at the Pentagon. During the most recent operational period, an outbreak of fire temporarily suspended US&R operations. All personnel were safely evacuated and are accounted for. The fire was subsequently extinguished and operations resumed.

As of 0700 EDT September 14, 2001, there are eight (8) FEMA US&R task forces operating at the World Trade Center. PA-TF1, MA-TF1, OH-TF1, IN-TF1, CA-TF1, CA-TF6, CA-TF7, and MO-TF1 are in 24-hour operations at various sites at the World Trade Center complex. The New York IST is set up at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, which is also the Base of Operations for all eight task forces. The FEMA US&R POA for task forces arriving by air is McGuire Air Force Base. At the Pentagon, VA-TF1, VA-TF2, MD-TF1, and TN-TF1 are working on a 12 hours on, 12 hours off schedule. The IST is operating at the incident site, and a Staging Area has been set up at Anacostia Naval Air Station.

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